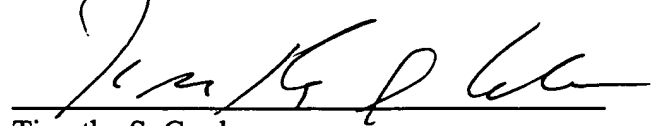


Remarks

The claims are now in condition for examination and allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would more quickly progress the claims to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at 512.542.8446.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy S. Corder  
Reg. No. 38,414  
Agent for Applicant

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.  
First City Tower  
1001 Fannin, Suite 2300  
Houston, Texas 77002-6760  
512.542.8446

Date: December 8, 2005

655618\_1.DOC